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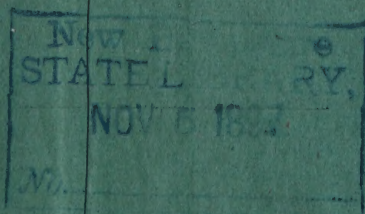
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OF THE

TOWN OF NEWTON, N.H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1876.



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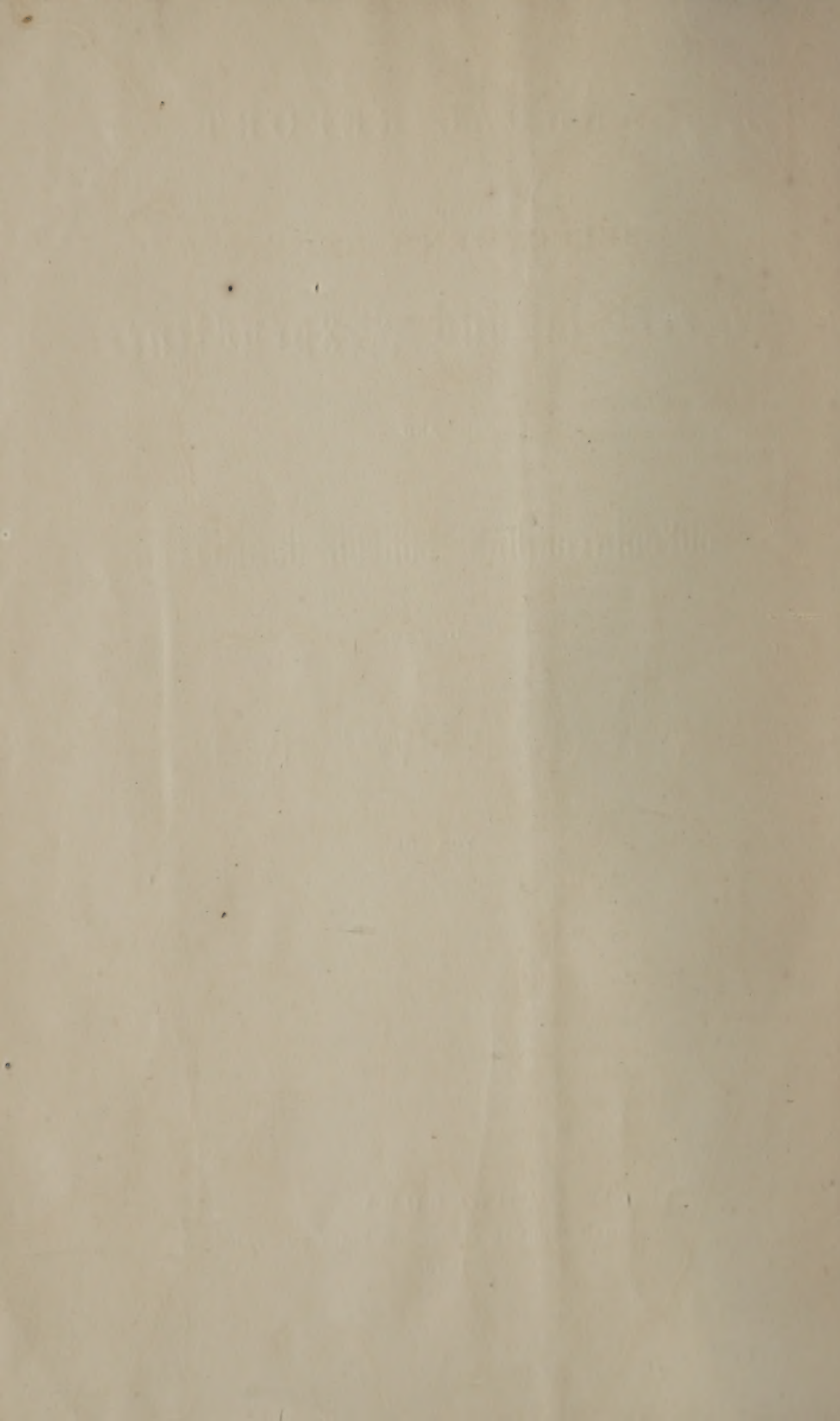
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

### RECEIPTS.

Amount of Town Bonds issued,	\$20,000 00
“ committed to Collector,	7,227 80
Received from Treasurer of 1874,	3,319 57
“ “ Hired Money,	500 00
“ “ Railroad Tax,	113 44
“ “ Literary Fund,	83 42
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	7 06
“ “ Rent of Town Hall,	43 94
“ for the old Hearse,	30 00
“ “ “ “ top,	1 50
“ from Collector of 1873,	87 22
“ “ “ “ 1874,	651 88
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	\$32,065 83

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,	\$752 00
“ County tax,	700 12
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	\$1452 12

### SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1, John P. M. Green,	\$120 16
“ “ 2, Lewis J. Bartlett,	235 28
“ “ 3, James B. Kimball,	126 65
“ “ 4, Jeremiah Walker,	106 18
“ “ 5, Enoch C. Carter,	132 27
“ “ 6, Jesse E. George,	137 46
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	\$858 00
Paid S. Rowell school money due District No. 6,	\$97 18



## HIGHWAY MONEY.

District No. 1, Moses B. Peaslee,	\$75 00
“ “ 2, Lewis J. Bartlett,	88 74
“ “ 3, Orrin D. Carter,	72 00
“ “ 4, Aaron Currier,	65 16
“ “ 5, Peter S. Whittier,	27 57
“ “ 6, John Currier,	36 79
“ “ 7, William R. Davenport,	59 36

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\$424 62

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Josiah F. Bly,	1874,	\$ 4 74
Josiah W. Tibbetts,	“	2 70
Charles Simpson,	“	2 70
Orrin S. Fogg,	“	3 78
Stephen F. Chase,	“	8 10
Samuel W. Thompson,	“	4 96
Charles A. Bartlett,	“	2 84
John S. Chase,	“	2 88
John W. Gould, over tax,	“	56
D. H. Thompson, dog tax,	“	1 00
George W. Sargent, over tax, 1875,		6 61
John Sleeper,	“ “	74
Charles N. Carter,	“ “	1 16
John B. Heath,	“ “	4 64
James M. Brown,	“ “	80
J. Worthen's heirs,	“ “	1 74
John Currier,	“ “	20 00
Eleazer Currier,	“ “	11 60
Joseph Gale, poll	“ “	2 32
Jeremiah Burley, “	“ “	2 32
Hiram Pillsbury, “	“ “	2 32
George S. Currier, dog	“ “	1 00
Ann S. Whittier, “	“ “	1 00
John L. Goodwin, “	“ “	1 00
Jos. R. Estabrook, “	“ “	2 00
Alpheus Willis, poll	“ “	5 13
Nathaniel Lovering, at his request, 1875,		9 28
J. Stanley Gilmore, “ “ “		2 32
James Cooper, “ “ “		4 64

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\$114 83

## TOWN OFFICERS' SERVICES.

Paid Hervey N. Gould, Selectman,	\$49 50
" John S. Peaslee, "	40 00
" Gardner Clifford, "	35 00
" Walter C. Gale, Town Clerk,	28 00
" William W. Wilder, Treasurer,	25 00
" Jacob H. Gale, Collector.	84 00
" Jacob H. Gale, Overseer of Poor,	28 00
" Ebenezer Peaslee, S. S. Committee,	25 00
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	\$314 50

## SNOW BILLS, 1874-75.

Paid E. G. Kelly, 1874,	\$2 75
" Z. Hoitt, "	13 50
" Geo. G. Carter, "	10 00
" D. C. Prescott, "	21 45
" P. S. Whittier, "	10 10
" Orrin D. Carter, 1875,	4 50
" M. B. Peaslee, "	11 00
" L. J. Bartlett, "	4 19
" Arthur Hatch, "	60
" Levi D. Bartlett, "	60
" Aaron Currier, "	1 40
" W. R. Davenport, "	1 60
" Sam'l Farrington, "	2 25
" John Currier, "	1 00
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	\$84 49

## LIQUOR CASES.

Expense on Liquor Cases,	\$211 96
Due from the County,	135 11
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Total Expense to the Town,	\$76 85

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid expense of building Lock-up,	\$282 32
“ Albert R. Hatch, advice,	6 00
“ P. S. Whittier, services as Undertaker,	31 00
“ H. N. Gould, paper, books, &c.,	8 51
“ H. N. Gould, wood for Town Hall,	4 00
“ Jane S. Rowell, two sheep killed by dogs,	9 00
“ Nathan Huntington, one sheep killed by dogs,	6 00
“ A. M. Davis, watering trough,	3 00
“ George W. Hoitt, watering trough,	3 00
“ Jacob H. Gale, expenses as Overseer of the Poor,	18 50
“ Jacob H. Gale, State tax,	5 00
“ H. N. Gould, 26 days, taking the Sept. Invoice,	45 50
“ John S. Peaslee, “ “ “ “	45 50
“ Gardner Clifford, “ “ “ “	45 50
“ Orrin D. Carter, extra labor in Highway District No. 3,	12 00
“ Gardner Clifford, extra labor in Highway District No. 3,	30 00
“ M. B. Peaslee, extra labor in Highway District No. 1,	64 00
“ H. N. Gould expense and car fair to Portsmouth, Exeter and Salem,	11 45
“ J. C. Bartlett, work on highway,	6 72
“ William W. Wilder, oil, &c., for Town Hall,	6 20
“ expense of printing Town Bonds,	30 93
“ S. Rowell, for lumber and extra work in Highway District No. 7, 1874,	7 50
“ John F. Brown, work on bridge, District No. 1,	2 00
“ J. G. Gale, recording births and deaths,	1 75
“ Levi M. D. Clough, care of Town Hall,	10 27
“ Henry H. Story, care of Town Hall,	14 85
“ David C. Prescott, Constable,	5 00
“ William R. Davenport, plank for bridge, District No. 7,	7 29
“ A. J. Sawyer, Police,	2 00
“ George H. Peaslee, Police,	3 00
“ E. Peaslee, preparing History of Education, by order of Superintendent of Public Instruction,	5 00
“ George W. Hoitt, transient paupers,	8 00
“ for printing Reports,	25 00

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 \$765 79



## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Money received of Collector and other sources,	\$12,065 83	
Amount received in Town Bonds,	20,000 00	
	<hr/>	32,065 83
Paid State Tax,	\$752 00	
“ County Tax,	700 12	
“ School Money,	858 00	
“ Highway Money,	424 62	
“ Abatements,	114 83	
“ Town Officers' Services,	314 50	
“ Snow Bills,	84 49	
“ Miscellaneous,	765 79	
“ Overseer of Poor,	829 61	
“ Interest and Notes,	19,519 46	
“ on Liquor Cases,	211 96	
“ School District No. 6, on Trustee,	97 18	
Due from Collector of 1874,	45 00	
Due from Collector of 1875,	890 18	
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Balance in Treasury,		\$1,258 09
Bonds on Hand,		\$5,200 00

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## DR.

To Notes and Bonds against the Town,	\$30,099 63
“ Interest not paid on Notes, March 1st, 1876,	334 94
“ “ “ “ Bonds, “ “ “	504 00
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	\$30,938 57

## CR.

Balance due under re-imbursement account,	\$13,466 67	
Balance due from United States Bounties,	1,179 00	
By Hatch's Note,	300 00	
By interest on Hatch's Note,	216 00	
Due from the County, on Liquor Cases,	135 11	
Due from Collector of 1874,	45 00	
"        "        1875,	885 54	
Cash in Treasury,	1,258 09	
		<hr/> \$17,485 41

Town Debt, over Assets, \$13,453 16

HERVEY N. GOULD, } Selectmen  
JOHN S. PEASLEE, } of  
GARDNER CLIFFORD, } Newton.

W. W. WILDER, Treasurer.

Newton, March 1st, 1876.

*Report of the Overseer of the Town of Newton, for the  
year ending March 1st, 1876.*

Paid M. Kelly, goods for the Moore family,	\$136 77
" William W. Wilder, goods for the Moore family,	11 49
" L. J. Bartlett, wood                      "                      "	17 81
" Richard Sargent, wood and supplies "                      "	13 50
" J. H. Gale, wood, supplies and money,	11 75
" Hannah B. Kelly, house rent,	31 80
" W. C. Gale, medical attendance,	28 00
" Mrs. Bucklin, care in sickness,	47 45
" George A. Moore, care in sickness,	5 00
" funeral expenses of Asa Moore,	25 50
" J. C. Bucklin, for boarding Mrs. Moore,	42 00
" William W. Boswell, goods for the Peaslee family,	234 57
" M. F. Williams, meat                      "                      "	29 09
" for boots, shoes, and other supplies,	7 60
" William W. Boswell, goods for Mrs. Carter,	5 98
	<hr/> \$648 31

# COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. Pressey & Son, goods for Mrs. Swett,	\$87 44
“ for wood and sawing, and supplies,	32 57
“ Amy C. Lunt, care in sickness,	12 00
“ T. O. Reynolds, for medical attendance,	3 50
“ J. G. Gale, for medical attendance,	3 34
“ Hannah Flanders, boarding Sally Hubbard,	65 00
“ for shoes for Sally Hubbard,	1 10
“ funeral expenses of Sally Hubbard,	23 50
“ Charles Bodwell, boarding Mrs. Simpson,	25 00
“ W. C. Gale, for medical attendance,	17 25
“ funeral expenses,	12 60
“ expenses of H. J. Tuxbury to County farm, doctor's bill,	3 50
“ J. H. Gale, for keeping transient paupers,	27 00
“ E. G. Kelly, “ “ “	4 25
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	\$318 05
Received of Town Treasurer,	\$829 61
“ “ County Treasurer,	136 75
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	\$966 36
Total Expenses of Town Poor,	\$648 31
“ “ County Poor,	318 05
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	\$966 36

JACOB H. GALE,

Overseer of the Poor.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly vouched, and correctly cast.

GEORGE W. MARSTON, }  
J. P. M. GREEN. } Auditors.

Newton, March 3d, 1876.



# SCHOOL REPORT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1876.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—JOHN P. M. GREEN.

Teacher—MISS EMMA S. EASTMAN, of South Hampton.

	1st Term.	2d Term
Length of school in weeks,	10	8 1-2
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$25	25
Whole number of scholars, four years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks,	15	15
Average attendance,	11	12
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school,	2	2
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered,	0	0
Number of visits by Superintending Committee,	3	2
Number of visits by Prudential*Committee,	0	1
Number of visits by citizens,	15	0
Number of pupils that have attended to Reading and Spelling,	15	15
Number that have attended to Penmanship,	6	9
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	10	10
“ “ “ Geography,	7	5
“ “ “ Grammar,	3	3
“ “ “ Composition,	4	0
“ “ “ United States History,	0	0
“ “ “ Physiology,	1	1
“ “ “ Book-Keeping,	0	0
“ “ “ Drawing,	0	0
“ “ “ Vocal Music,	0	0
Tardy,	6	0
Dismissals,	3	0
Moral deportment good.		

Miss Eastman never had any practice in school-teaching previous to this school, but has succeeded finely in this district. She is pleasant and kind in the government of her school, and very diligent and persevering in her efforts as a teacher. I think she is correct in her statement of the school, which I find in the School Register, in which she says: "The progress in the studies has been very good; the advancement in Arithmetic has been slow, but quite thorough, especially in the small classes. The progress in Geography and Grammar has been very good; in Reading and Spelling, good."

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—LEWIS J. BARTLETT.

Teacher—MRS. EUNICE M. DOAK, of Newton.

	1sr Term.	2d Term
Length of school in weeks.	10	18
Wages of the teacher per month, including board.	\$32	32
Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending school not less than 2 weeks,	48	43
Average attendance of scholars,	39	41
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school,	7	4
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered,	0	0
Number of visits by Superintending Committee,	2	2
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	0	1
Number of visits by citizens,	13	67
Number of pupils who have attended to Reading and Spelling,	48	48
Number who have attended to Penmanship,	27	29
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	30	44
“ “ “ Geography,	15	18
“ “ “ Grammar,	8	9
“ “ “ Composition,	8	8
“ “ “ U. S. History,	0	0
“ “ “ Physiology,	3	2
“ “ “ Book-Keeping,	0	0
“ “ “ Drawing,	0	0
“ “ “ Vocal Music,	0	0
Number of times tardy,	17	12
Number of dismissals,	48	48
Moral deportment, good.		

Mrs. Doak has succeeded remarkably well with this school. It is unusual for a teacher to succeed so well in their own school district,—for it is very much with teachers as with ministers of the gospel,—less successful in their own immediate neighborhood and county than elsewhere. But as most all rules have some exceptions, it has so happened with Mrs. Doak in this school district. For her to have done better elsewhere, or for another teacher to have succeeded better here,

would be very difficult. Good proficiency has been made by all classes, and by almost all in each class. The closing examination of the last term was largely attended by the citizens of the district and other visitors, which was deeply interesting to all.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—JAMES B. KIMBALL.

Teacher—MISS SUSAN F. GOODWIN, of Kingston.

	1st Term.	2d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9	8
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$30	30
Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks,	34	37
Average attendance during the term,	31	30
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school,	0	0
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered,	0	0
Number of visits by Superintending Committee,	3	3
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	2	2
Number of visits by citizens,	8	23
Number of pupils who have attended to Reading and Spelling,	34	37
Number who have attended to Penmanship,	32	32
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	32	33
“ “ “ Geography,	18	15
“ “ “ Grammar,	16	17
“ “ “ Composition,	15	15
“ “ “ U. S. History,	6	3
“ “ “ Physiology,	1	2
“ “ “ Book-Keeping,	0	0
“ “ “ Drawing,	0	0
“ “ “ Vocal Music,	0	0
Instances of tardiness,	14	9
Dismissals,	7	9

This school, which has ranked so high for many years, continues to sustain its former reputation. Most excellent improvement has been made in both terms by all classes, in every branch of study. And this was what we fully anticipated at the commencement, knowing, as we did, the scholarship of the pupils and the abilities of the teacher. Miss Goodwin has had considerable practice in school teaching, and well understands the art. To get a better teacher I should not know where to go—her equals are few. The closing examination was largely attended by the citizens of the district, who seemed greatly delighted in witnessing, for hours, its deeply interesting exercises.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee—JEREMIAH WALKER.

Teacher—SARAH A. FRENCH, of Kingston.



	1st Term.	2d Term.
Length of school in weeks,	8	10
Wages of the teacher per month, including board,	\$26	26
Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks,	19	16
Average attendance,	17	14
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school,	0	0
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered,	0	0
Number of visits by Superintending Committee,	2	2
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	0	0
Number of visits by citizens,	14	14
Number of pupils who have attended to Reading and Spelling,	19	16
Number who have attended to Penmanship,	10	6
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	9	9
“ “ “ Geography,	9	8
“ “ “ Grammar,	7	5
“ “ “ Composition,	7	4
“ “ “ U. S. History,	1	1
“ “ “ Geology,	1	1

Other studies, none.

Both terms of this school have been good; the scholars have learned unusually well, considering the length of the terms. Miss French, the teacher, is quite young, and never taught school previous to her teaching here, but being a good scholar herself, and somewhat ambitious, succeeded well. I was very much pleased, at the closing examination, to see the number of pages the pupils had gone over in these short terms, and how well they understood their different branches of study, which showed that thoroughness, which is so important in school teaching, was not only aimed at, but successfully accomplished by Miss French.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee--ENOCH C. CARTER.

Teachers--MISS EMILY E. GREELEY, of East Kingston, for the first term, and FREDERICK E. ELDREDGE, of Kensington, for the second term.

	1st Term	2d Term
Length of school in weeks,	10	10
Wages of teachers per month,	\$26	
Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks,	15	21
Average attendance during the terms,		
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school. <i>Quid non facile est</i> , saith Mr. Eldredge, the teacher.		
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered,	0	0

	1st Term.	2d Term.
Number of visits by S. S. Committee,	3	2
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	5	1
Number of visits by citizens,	0	15
Number of pupils who have attended to Reading and Spelling,	15	21
Number who have attended to Penmanship,	14	18
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	14	21
“ “ “ Geography,	7	8
“ “ “ Grammar,	4	9
“ “ “ Composition,	4	4
“ “ “ U. S. History,	0	2
“ “ “ Physiology,	0	0
“ “ “ Book-Keeping,	2	8
“ “ “ Drawing,	0	0
“ “ “ Vocal Music,	0	1
Number of times tardy,	3	4
Number of dismissals,	6	16

The teachers of this school have both labored faithfully in their work of teaching, and have been quite successful. Miss Greeley, the teacher of the first term, taught here for the first time, and gave good satisfaction. But as a large part of the scholars who were to attend the winter term, were nearing manhood, and so well advanced in their studies, Mr. Carter, the Prudential Committee, thought it best to have a male teacher for this term, and therefore secured the services of Mr. Eldredge. Mr. Eldredge is a graduate, I believe, and has had several years' practice in teaching, and seems to have been the right man for this school. We have some smart scholars in this school, who seem to appreciate the value of an education, and understand that they must *study* in order to realize the object of their pursuit.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee—JESSE E. GEORGE.

Teachers—MISS ELIZA E. SPOFFORD, of Danville, for the first term and MISS SARAH P. WEBSTER, of Chester, for the second term.

	1st Term.	2d Term
Length of school in weeks,	10	10
Wages of teacher per month, including board,	\$34	34
Whole number of different scholars, 4 years of age and upwards, attending not less than two weeks,	41	47
Average attendance,	37	37
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, not attending any school,	9	4
Number of children in the district, between 4 and 14 years, attending private school, not registered.	1	2
Number of visits by S. S. Committee,	3	3
Number of visits by Prudential Committee,	5	5
Number of visits by citizens,	34	17

	1st Term.	2d Term.
Number of pupils who have attended to Reading and Spelling,	41	47
Number who have attended to Penmanship,	24	30
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	24	34
“ “ “ Geography,	21	22
“ “ “ Grammar,	7	9
“ “ “ Composition,	7	4
“ “ “ U. S. History,	0	0
“ “ “ Physiology,	3	0
“ “ “ Book-Keeping,	1	1
“ “ “ Algebra,	0	1

Vocal music practiced by a large number, both terms.

This school, in District No. 6, under well qualified and experienced teachers, assisted by one of the best Prudential Committees, has had two very profitable terms. Miss Spofford, the teacher of the first term, has taught many times in other districts in this town within a few years, and has always succeeded remarkably well in them all, and in this we think the best. Miss Webster is a young lady who has had much practice in school teaching in other towns, and did well as a successor to follow Miss Spofford.

Mr. George, the Prudential Committee, gave unusual attention to this school both terms, and rendered great assistance to the last teacher, who, as a stranger, did not at first fully understand the best method of governing the school. And this is just what all Prudential Committees should do,—just step in and see how things move, hold frequent consultations with the teacher, and give advice and encouragement to the scholars.

## REMARKS.

Having visited every school in town several times each term, and attended every closing examination, all of which were good, and some were deeply interesting,—especially those in Districts Nos. 2 and 3, which were largely attended by the citizens and some others,—and in view of all that I have seen and learned, I can truly say that our schools were never, since my acquaintance with them, more successful than they have been the present year. Our Prudential Committees have been wise and fortunate in the selection of their teachers, and have in other ways shown an interest in the schools of their districts, which indicates a realizing sense of their great importance. The Teachers, without a single exception, have been diligent and faithful in their work of teaching in the school-room, showing a deep interest in the instruction of their pupils. The Scholars have mostly been attentive to their studies, and have made good progress in the same.



To see our schools in such a prosperous condition in the closing year of the first century of our National Independence, is truly most delightful. But I am well aware that many of our friends of education are so very anxious to make all possible improvement, with such rapidity as would bring us up to the highest state of perfection at once, feel grieved, and are uttering their bitterest complaints (which seems to imply a state of despair in reference to the future) because more is not accomplished in our short schools from year to year.

Now I really sympathize with such, because they desire so much in the good cause of education, and would exhort them to greater diligence, perseverance and increasing liberality, to insure the desired object. We would also invite them to a consideration of what we *were* at the commencement of the century just closed. What was the state of our school system then? No school-house in town, Schools were kept in private houses, cold and unfinished, and only three weeks' schooling in the year,—for such it appears from the old records. The town would vote one year to have three months' schooling, and the next vote not to have any. Then in a year or two after, when they felt able, they voted to raise money for a school,—20, 50, or 99 pounds of almost worthless currency, for schooling. But now, instead of *no* school-house in town, we have *six*, and instead of *three* months' schooling, we have had this year 121 1-2 weeks, which is over *thirty months*, and no additional amount raised by the town above the sum required by law.

Again, just look and see what has been accomplished by our limited means of education. Our town has given rise to many smart business men, some of whom have gone from us to make their mark in the world, and still enough remain with us to make improvements visible in every part of the town, in each successive year. Although we cannot boast of so many professional men as some other towns in the State, we have had several graduates, some authors and editors, clergymen, educators, and nine physicians, viz: Hoit, Gould, Chases, Peaslee, and Gales, who have risen from amongst us to bless the world with their valuable services, some of which are ranked with the first of the age.

Seeing that so much has been accomplished in the past by the little we have done in the cause of education, let us be encouraged and commence the second century with an increased liberality that will be equal to our increased ability, so that our educational interests in the future shall be far greater in their results than in the past. That it may thus be, more money must be raised and appropriated by the town, districts, and by private subscriptions, with whom there is ample ability. And could all the citizens of our town have visited the schools, and witnessed their closing examinations this year, they would, I think, been so delighted that all necessary means for the furtherance of the cause of education in the town would be readily furnished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EBENEZER PEASLEE, Committee.





